

Senate File 493 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act related to a study of the recycling and reuse of plastic
2 containers and packaging sold in the state.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. PLASTIC CONTAINERS AND PACKAGING RECYCLING
2 AND REUSE STUDY. The department of natural resources shall
3 conduct a one-year study of plastic containers and packaging
4 sold in this state. The study shall examine recycling and
5 reuse of plastic containers and packaging and factors that
6 inhibit the recycling or reuse of plastic containers and
7 packaging. The department shall include as participants in
8 the study manufacturers of plastic containers and packaging,
9 retailers, and persons involved in the recycling and reuse
10 of plastic containers and packaging. The department shall
11 form a plan with the goal of preventing plastic containers and
12 packaging from being disposed of in landfills. For purposes
13 of this study, "plastic containers and packaging" does not
14 include beverage containers as defined in section 455C.1.
15 The department shall submit a report to the general assembly
16 detailing its findings and recommendations by December 31,
17 2020.

18 EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 This bill requires the department of natural resources
22 to conduct a study examining recycling and reuse of plastic
23 containers and packaging and factors that inhibit the recycling
24 or reuse of plastic containers and packaging. The department
25 shall include as participants in the study manufacturers of
26 plastic containers and packaging, retailers, and persons
27 involved in the recycling and reuse of plastic containers
28 and packaging. The department shall develop a plan with the
29 goal of preventing plastic containers and packaging from being
30 disposed of in landfills. The department shall submit a report
31 of its findings and recommendations to the general assembly by
32 December 31, 2020.